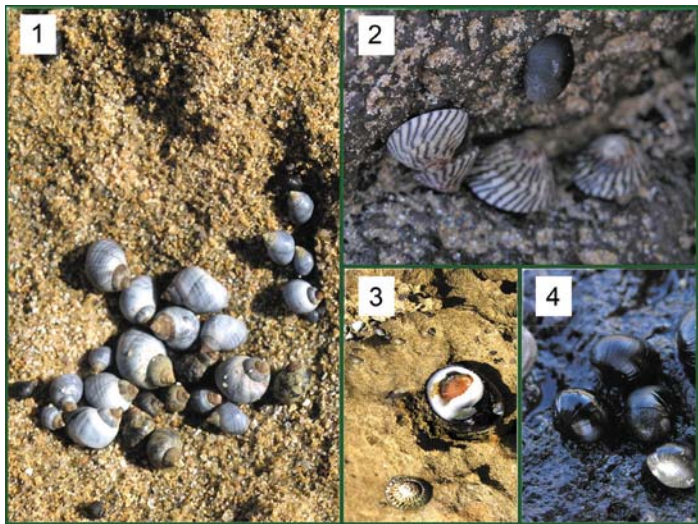


Grazing Gastropods - Snails



Grazing snails such as these also use their *radula* to feed on a variety of algae from microscopic to larger green, red and brown algae.

Their empty shells are a conspicuous feature of some the beaches around the Bluff where they continue to provide habitat for smaller creatures.

	Names	Description
1	<i>Austrolittorina unifasciata</i> Blue Periwinkle Height to 15mm	Surviving high on rocks in the spray zone these tiny grazers are able to survive long periods out of the water.
2	<i>Bembicium nanum</i> Striped Conniwink Height to 10mm	These small grazers live in the upper sections of the intertidal area and are easily recognised by the black and white patterns.
3	<i>Nerita atramentosa</i> Black Nerite	An herbivorous snail, the Black Nerite is particularly abundant in the holes on the basalt boulders within the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary.
4	Height to 28mm	They are glossy black on the top and have a distinctive white lip underneath.